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For "Friends of the FBI"

There are a number of minor inaccuracies in the May 21 *Washington Post* article about "Friends of the FBI", but three major points need to be made:

1. It is asserted that the Gorman company "was paid $138,000" and again "got $155,000" for its direct mail activities for Friends of the FBI. As I explained to your reporter on several occasions, these payments were for out-of-pocket expenditures for (a) postage (b) letterheads, envelopes and printed enclosures (c) mailing house charges and (d) list rentals, less Gorman's normal agency commission.

Also, as I informed your reporter, the direct mail cost of the initial mailing (of over 1 million pieces) was 37.5% of the total received, an extraodinarily low percentage as any one knowledgeable in direct-mail would have confirmed.

2. Regardless of what your reporter was told, it is not unusual for the IRS to observe an organization already in operation which has applied for tax-exemption before making a determination. That is the current status of the tax-exempt application of Friends of the FBI, Inc.

3. If the *Post* is so concerned about fund-raising, why doesn't it investigate the organization mentioned by the IRS in your "expose"—an organization that allegedly raised $1.2 million and spent $1.1 million in expenses?

Or why doesn't the *Post* investigate, for example, the tax-exempt Institute for Policy Studies, based here in Washington, which has financially assisted the leaders of SDS, the New Mobe, and practically every other left-wing, radical, anti-American group that are contemptuously using the Establishment to destroy the Establishment?

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